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Application No. 09/914,994  
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Application No. : 09/914,994  
Applicants : Mitsuaki Echigo et al.  
Filed : September 5, 2001  
Title : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REMOVING  
CARBON MONOXIDE  
Group Art Unit : 1645 Confirmation No. : 7881  
Examiner : Ngoc-Yen M. Nguyen Customer No. : 28289

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER  
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated May 20, 2004 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 12-36. A supporting Appeal Brief will be filed in due course.

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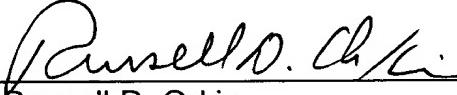
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